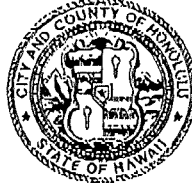


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February 9, 2011

The Honorable Nestor R. Garcia, Chair
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Garcia and Councilmembers:

Subject: Bill 1 (2011), Relating to Camping at Public Parks

I am Major John McEntire of the Waikiki Patrol District of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes the passage of Bill 1 (2011), Relating to Camping at Public Parks for the following reasons:

- Most city parks are not designed to support camping.
- Temporary restroom facilities would have to be provided.
- Historically, when camping has been allowed, service calls for arguments, fights, loud noise violations, liquor laws, and general park violations increase.
- Additional staffing from the Honolulu Police Department would be required to maintain a safe atmosphere.
- The refuse left behind creates unhealthy conditions.

Bill 1 (2011), Relating to Camping at Public Parks would allow camping at any public park. According to the index of Oahu Parks, the Honolulu Police Department and Department of Parks and Recreation are responsible for the following number of parcels that fall under the definition of a "Public Park."

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- 159 Island Base Parks
- 193 Community/Urban/Mini Parks
- 99 Other Parks – i.e., Fort Street Mall, Waikiki Beach, and the Ala Wai Promenade

There are a total of 450 public parks on the island.

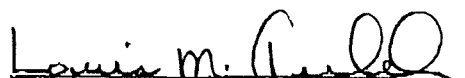
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



JOHN McENTIRE, Major
District 6

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